

**HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2015, 6:00 P.M.**

The Hampton City Council Regular Session was called to order at City Council Chambers by Mayor Brook Boehmler at 6:00 p.m. Council members in attendance were Meghan Freie, James Davies, Dyanne Pralle, Jay Hickman and Richard Lukensmeyer. Steve Harms was absent. Mayor Boehmler invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag. Mayor Boehmler called for a motion to approve the **agenda**. Motion by Pralle. Second by Davies. Motion approved unanimously.

Mayor Boehmler gave the report from the **Council Workshop** of April 6, 2015.

Public Comment: Mayor Boehmler invited those wishing to make public comment to address the Council; none.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Mayor Boehmler reviewed applications received for the vacancy of Ward I Council position. Motion by Davies, seconded by Hickman, to approve the **appointment of Meghan Freie, to the City Council Ward I vacancy**, term expiring upon results of canvassing of the election, November, 2015. Roll call vote: Ayes – Hickman, Pralle, Lukensmeyer and Davies. Nays – None. Abstentions – Freie. Harms absent. Motion approved, and Meghan Freie will continue in her appointment as Ward I Council Member.

Mayor Boehmler referred comment to City Manager Dunt regarding the proposed **Employment Agreement with Douglas Tarr as Public Works Director**. Motion by Pralle, seconded by Lukensmeyer, to approve the Employment Agreement between City of Hampton and Douglas Tarr, as Public Works Director for July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – Freie, Davies, Pralle, Lukensmeyer and Hickman. Nays – None. Harms absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Boehmler opened for discussion the **recent announcement by KL Holdings, LLC, to withdraw from the downtown development project**. It was explained that the Iowa Economic Development Association would not allow transfer of the grant to a new investor/developer, so the project will not proceed.

Mayor Boehmler called for a motion to approve **authorization of certified Reserve Police Officers to carry defense weapons on duty**, as follows: Stacey Porter and Richard Whitney, Asp Expandable Baton, Chemical Agents and Taser; David Hawver, Taser; Bryce Knudsen, Asp Expandable Baton; Erran Miller, Chemical Agents. Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded Hickman. Motion approved unanimously.

Mayor Boehmler referred comment to City Manager Dunt regarding CDBG pay request for work completed at **222 4th Street NE**. Motion by Davies, seconded by Freie, to approve proposed **CDBG Pay Request to Satern Builders** in the amount of \$17,498.72. Motion approved unanimously.

Mayor Boehmler called on Mark Crawford of Clapsaddle-Garber Associates to review information on a construction contract quote received from Precision Underground, of Cambridge, Iowa, for the water main replacement project planned for the southwest part of town. Motion by Pralle, seconded by

Freie, to approve proposed **construction contract with Precision Underground, Cambridge, Iowa, for water main replacement project**. It was noted there will be a public information meeting held at City Hall on Thursday, April 23rd, and door hangers about the meeting will be placed on residences potentially affected by the project.

Mayor Boehmler opened for discussion the scheduling of a **Mobile City Council Workshop**, where Council members and the public would be transported in an informational tour of the community. Date and time of the workshop will be announced at a later date.

Mayor Boehmler noted the changes included in the current **Image of Pride** brochure, which this year's nominations will be accepted beginning in April according to Wards assigned to the awarded months, as follows: May – At Large (Lukensmeyer), June – Ward I (Freie), July – Ward II (Davies), August – Ward III (Pralle), September – Ward IV (Hickman), October – At Large (Harms). Hampton residents may submit their nominations at City Hall or to the respective Council member for properties within the assigned areas.

Mayor Boehmler referred comment to City Manager Dunt regarding **proposed contract for accounting software for the City with Data Technologies, Inc.** Dunt noted the dissatisfaction with the product provided with the current software company and need for change, which had been discussed in greater detail at the workshop earlier in the week. Dunt advised Data Technologies, Inc., has a large customer base in Iowa and reputable service record and strong understanding of Iowa municipal financing. Motion by Davies, seconded by Pralle, to approve authorizing the City Manager to enter into the contract proposed by Data Technologies, Inc. Motion approved unanimously.

Mayor Boehmler called on City Manager Dunt to explained desire by Kiwanis Club of Hampton to secure designation of any funds raised for the Harriman Playground Park for Youth (H.A.P.P.Y.) campaign in excess of their funding goal of \$85,000. Kiwanis has submitted the following language: *“Excess funds shall be used to further enhance Harriman Park playground facilities. Potential enhancements shall include purchase of additional equipment, refurbishing existing equipment, and acquisition of playground amenities.”* It was noted that Kiwanis will work with the City on any additional purchases or other improvements. Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by Hickman, to approve proposed designation of excess funds raised by Kiwanis Club of Hampton's Harriman Playground Park for Youth (H.A.P.P.Y.). Motion approved unanimously.

Mayor Boehmler called for a motion to **approve claims**. Motion by Pralle to approve claims, as recommended by Staff, totaling \$327,938.30. Seconded by Freie. Motion approved unanimously.

Mayor Boehmler offered the third and final reading of **Ordinance No. 356, “Ordinance amending Chapter 69, Parking Regulations by repealing Chapter 69.12, Snow Removal, and replacing same with Emergency Snow Regulations.”** City Manager Dunt reviewed the Ordinance content. **Motion by Pralle, seconded by Harms, to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 356. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pralle, Hickman, Lukensmeyer, Freie and Davies. Nays – None. Harms absent.** Motion approved, and Ordinance No. 356 adopted; which will go into effect upon its publication and in accordance with Code of Iowa.

Motion by Davies to approve the **Consent Agenda**, including previous minutes as drafted from publication from the March 26, 2015, Regular Session and scheduling the next Regular Session for Thursday, April 23, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., at City Council Chambers, and approval of street closures proposed for Summerfest, August 28-29, 2015. Second by Freie. Motion approved unanimously.

Staff Reports given by **Chief Bob Schaefer**, Police Dept., noting Officer Yovan Cardenas graduates from the Law Enforcement Academy tomorrow. **Doug Tarr**, Public Works Director, sharing the Compost Site opened for the season on Monday and has been very busy. Tarr expressed his gratitude for his contract renewal and the great staff.

Council Reports given by **Freie**, voicing her appreciation in being reappointed; **Pralle** is pleased with all the yard work being done around town; **Hickman** thanked Doug Tarr for staying on the with the City; and **Lukensmeyer** reminded residents of the free and abundant mulch available at the compost site, and commented that Hampton received it's Tree City USA recognition again. **Mayor's Report** given by **Mayor Boehmler**, expressing his hopes that Hampton works to research opportunities and answers for potential investors to secure future development projects of benefit to the community.

Motion to adjourn by Freie at 7:05 p.m. Second by Lukensmeyer. Motion approved unanimously.
Adjournment 7:05 p.m.

Attest:

Ron Dunt, City Manager

Mayor Brook S. Boehmler